

**CITY OF  
ALBUQUERQUE  
MEETING MINUTES  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** City Council Government Center, Room 9081

**Council Members Present:**

Sean King, Chair  
Daniel Strones  
Matthew Loehman  
Jessie Calero

**Council Members Not Present:**

Adena Martinez  
Karen Cushnyr

**City Staff Present:**

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney  
Heather Cowan, Interim ADA Coordinator  
Crystal Velarde, Minute Taker  
Annette Saiz, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**Members of the Public:**

Brenda McKenna  
Kaatje Vander Gaarden

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. with Chair King and Members Strones, Loehman, and Calero participating.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

Member Strones moved to approve the agenda, and Member Calero seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members. Member Loehman moved to approve the minutes from the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Member Strones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by other council members.

### **ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS**

Council members, city staff and members of the public introduced themselves.

### **ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Vander Gaarden brought up how the blue paint on Central which indicates handicap accessible parking has still not been reapplied. She had brought this to the attention of the ADA Council in the past and was asking for an update. Ms. Cowan had informed her she was told it would be taken care when she called the last time. Ms. Cowan will call again to follow-up with the proper department in charge of maintaining the public parking/sidewalks.

### **ITEM 5: SUMMARY OF RECENT ADA COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

Ms. Cowan provided a brief summary of complaints her office has received. Those complaints include any complaint received regarding a City run facility, city parks, city sidewalks as well as city streets. She went on to explain the processes and how she is working hard to improve those processes, as well as her work with Neo Gov to improve the city website. Ms. Cowan also shared the new ADA Coordinator will be starting in March and should be available for the March ADA meeting.

ADA Council members shared their concerns regarding Transit and Sunvan. Ms. Cowan informed the ADA Council that Mr. Danny Holcomb is the new Transit Director and he should be able to better assist them with Transit concerns. Since Transit is federally funded they do have their own ADA person and Ms. Cowan will look into who that person maybe. The last ADA person retired in December.

### **ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF LETTER TO MAYOR REGARDING HANDICAP PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Chair King attempted to contact someone in the Department of Municipal Development (DMD), however he was unsuccessful. He did leave a message but did not receive a call back. Mr. Leuschel suggested Chair King send an email to DMD and he would follow-up. The ADA Council will table this topic for the next ADA meeting.

**ITEM 7: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Member Strones shared he is on filming episode 6 of his disability advocacy podcast. He will also be involved in the Sustainability Expo New Mexico.

Chair King informed the ADA Council members he received the list of parks being reviewed for accessibility. He went on to discuss what parks are under review and what exactly is under review at each park.

**ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

***Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2020.***

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Christopher King, Chair

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Date